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SUBJECT:NOMINATION OF JOHN B. WALSH TO SUCCEED DR.
WALTER B. LABERGE AS ASYG DEFENSE SUPPORT

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1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED VARIOUS CANDIDATES
FOR THE POST OF ASYG DEFENSE SUPPORT. JOHN B. WALSH
HAS AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND FOR THIS KEY POST ON
THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF, AND YOU SHOULD SUBMIT
HIS NOMINATION AS THE U.S. CANDIDATE TO REPLACE DR.
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WALTER LABERGE.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN B. WALSH:

JOHN B. WALSH IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR (STRATEGIC AND
SPACE SYSTEMS), DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING.
HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS

OF OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE MILITARY WEAPON SYSTEMS
REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE STRATEGIC DETERRENT.

BORN IN BOOKLYN, NEW YORK AUGUST 20, 1927, MR. WALSH
RECEIVED HIS EARLY EDUCATION AT ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

AND WAS GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM MANHATTAN
COLLEGE IN 1948, WITH THE DEGREE BEE (BACHELOR OF
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING). HE RECEIVED HIS MS DEGREE
FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN 1950.

HE SERVED FROM 1946 TO 1947 WITH A RADAR DEVELOPMENT
GROUP OF THE U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS. HE LATER WAS
COMMISSIONED A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE SIGNAL
CORPS RESERVE.

FROM 1948 TO 1951, MR. WALSH WAS ON THE TEACHING
STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, FIRST AS ASSISTANT AND THEN
AS INSTRUCTOR. IN 1951, HE ENTERED GOVERNMENT
SERVICE WITH THE ROME AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER, SERVING
SUCCESSIVELY AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE RADAR S
SYSTEMS BRANCH (1951 - 1952), ASSISTANT CHIEF OF
THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS SECTION (1952), CHIEF
OF THE AIR DEFENSE LABORATORY (1952 - 1953), AND
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE INTELLIGENCE AND
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RECONNAISSANCE DIVISION (1953).

RETURNING TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN 1953, MR. WALSH
WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING. IN 1958, HE RELINQUISHED MOST OF
HIS TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES TO ASSUME THE POST
OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTRONICS RESEARCH
LABORATORIES, FROM WHICH POSITION HE TOOK LEAVE IN
1966 TO BECOME DEPUTY FOR RESEARCH TO THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT. IN 1971, HE WAS GIVEN A UNIQUE JOINT
APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT'S
SCIENCE ADVISOR. HE ASSUMED HIS PRESENT DUTIES
IN 1972.

MR. WALSH IS THE AUTHOR OF THREE TEXTBOOKS:
"ELECTROMAGNETIC THEORY AND ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS"
(THE RONALD PRESS COMPANY, 1960), "INTRODUCTORY
ELECTRIC CIRCUITS" (WITH K.S. MILLER; MCGRAW-HILL,
1960), AND "ELEMENTARY AND ADVANCED TRIGONOMETRY"
(WITH K.S. MILLER; HARPER AND ROW, 1961) AS WELL AS

MANY ARTICLES (E.G., "ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION" IN ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA) AND TECHNICAL PAPERS. HE ALSO PROVIDED EXPERT CONSULTING SERVICES TO GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY, AND IS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

HE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE AIR FORCE EXCEPTIONAL CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD IN 1969, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD IN 1971, THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION'S CITATION OF HONOR AS OUTSTANDING AIR FORCE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR IN 1971, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD IN 1977. HE IS A FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES: INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS (FELLOW); AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS (ASSOCIATE FELLOW); ETA KAPPA NU; SIGMA XI; NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. MR. WALSH IS LISTED IN: "AMERICAN MEN OF SCIENCE"; WHO'S WHO IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST"; "WHO'S WHO IN GOVERNMENT."

MR. WALSH IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARIE LECLERC OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT, AND THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN (GEORGE 18, JOHN 16, AND DARINA 9).

3. YOU SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT JOHN B. WALSH IS APPOINTED AS ASYG DEFENSE SUPPORT. YOU CAN ASSURE SYG LUNS THAT THE NOMINATION HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DR. BROWN WHO CONSIDERS HIM THE BEST AVAILABLE CANDIDATE, THAT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL BE A HIGHLY COMPETENT ASYG, AND THAT HE IS PREPARED TO SERVE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

4. IF MR. WALSH IS ACCEPTED, WE INTEND TO APPOINT HIM AS AN FSR 1/3.

5. FYI WE UNDERSTAND THAT DR. LABERGE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SYG LUNS FOR AN INTERVIEW ON MONDAY, JULY 25, JUST BEFORE THE SYG GOES ON VACATION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE NOMINATION BEFORE THIS INTERVIEW. MR. WALSH WILL ARRIVE ON MONDAY MORNING AND WILL BE MET BY DR. LABERGE. END FYI.

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